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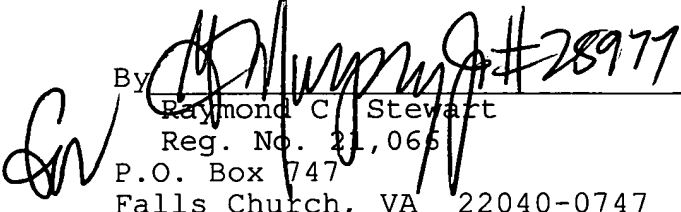
Sir:

Attached hereto is an English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report in connection with the above-identified application. The PTO is requested to make this document of record.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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